

## **What Makes Christmas Special? - LOVE**

### **John 3:16**

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

#### **1. Christmas is a yearly reminder that we are loved deeply**

*For God so loved the world...*

*But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— (Ephesians 2:4, 5)*

#### **2. Christmas is a yearly reminder that we are loved extravagantly**

*...that he gave his only Son...*

*In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:9-10)*

#### **3. Christmas is a yearly reminder that we are loved practically**

*...that whoever believes in him should not perish...*

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:17)*

#### **4. Christmas is a yearly reminder that we are loved eternally**

*...but have eternal life.*

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:35-39)*